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FROM

Chief of Station, JMWAVE

SUBJECT

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JMWAVE Traces on members of Alpha 66

ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

ACTION REQUIRED: See paragraph 4 below.

REFERENCES: UFGA-0892, 2 November 1962

UFGA-0906, 5 November 1962

1. Reference is made to paragraph 6 of Reference b. in which JMWAVE indicated that traces would be run on the listing of Alpha 66 members.

2. The following are the results of said traces:

C.A. Miami, Fla

a. Roberto VALLE Ares (military coordinator). Occupation: accountant. Subject is a bookkeeper at "Les Violins" Restaurant, Miami, Florida. Subject's desk at the restaurant contained folders and stationery bearing Alpha 66 labels. He was formerly a clerk in the National Bank of Cuba (ATFPA Contact Report, 11 September 1962). Subject was an administrator of a branch of the National Bank of Cuba. He fled to the U.S. with several hundred thousand dollars (FBIIS, 22 March 1961). He is a member of the Alpha 66 collection committee in Miami (UFGA-1692, 5 October 1962).

b. Antonio UESTA del Valle (military operations), 201-281313. POB: 13 June 1926, Santiago de Cuba. Subject's POA was requested on 22 February 1961; he was a crewman on the M/V TEJANA. UFGA-1830, 5 July 1961, reported him to be a member of the Black Falcons, a commando unit and was known as COMBATE, OSUCRE, @SAN MARTIN, and @TORO. DBF-23601, 12 May 1959, reported he was a member of the new confidential department of the National Revolutionary Police institute to combat Communism and counterrevolutionary activities. In an ODEMUY report, dated 26 July 1962, Subject was named as the individual negotiating with "Water World," of Miami for underwater equipment for use by Alpha 66. BAPR-0774, 28 October 1962 reported Subject as being one of ten Alpha 66 men who arrived in Key West on a Coast Guard boat from Cay Sal after an Alpha 66 boat had sunk at sea. Subject entered Miami on 31 May 1960 as a refugee.

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CCC: ACCOUNTANT

c. Leonardo CEBALLO (administration). Traces were found under CEBALLAS (fnu) who may be identical with Subject. SJAN-0704, 31 August 1962, stated that an envelope allegedly containing information on the first Alpha 66 action were placed in a safety deposit vault in a Puerto Rican bank by Subject and AGCROTE, both of whom are accountants.

A: Puerto Rico

d. Pedro GUILLOT (administration). Occupation: Bank comptroller. UFG-1652, 5 October 1962, reported Subject to be an active Alpha 66 member in Puerto Rico.

A: Puerto Rico

e. Roberto CASTELLON (collections). UFG-1652, 5 October 1962, reported Subject to be an active Alpha 66 member in Puerto Rico. He was also a member of "Asociación de Empresarios" (Promoters Association).

CCC: Lawyer A: Puerto Rico

f. Jeronimo or Geronimo ESTELVEZ (collections). Subject is a Cuban exile in Puerto Rico. He is one of four individuals in whose name an Alpha 66 bank account in Puerto Rico is held (JUAN-0636, 7 July 1962). Subject met with SKIN-1 in Puerto Rico on 12 July 1962 concerning Alpha 66 matters (JUAN-0659, 21 July 1962). Subject, named as an Alpha 66 active member, told SKIN-1 on 30 August 1962, their plans for military action against Cuba still stand (SJAN-0704, 31 August 1962). He conducted an Alpha 66 meeting in San Juan on 30 August 1962 at which 200 Cuban exiles attended (SJAN-0704, 31 August 1962). UFG-1652, 5 October 1962, reported that Subject is a member of the Lawyers Association and also on the Committee for aid to Cubans in Puerto Rico. He was also named as a member of the Alpha 66 committee in Puerto Rico. The MIAMI HERALD of 30 October 1962 reported that Subject, named as a leader of Alpha 66 in Puerto Rico, stated he had received reports that Alpha 66 commandos had landed in Cuba a few days past and had engaged in some fighting.

A: Puerto Rico

g. Israel GONZALEZ (fund disbursements). Occupation: public accountant. JUAN-0659, 21 July 1962, reported Subject is a Cuban exile in Puerto Rico. He is on the committee to establish broader contacts with Cuban exiles in Puerto Rico to gain support for Alpha 66. UFG-1652, 5 October 1962, stated that Subject is an active Alpha 66 member in Puerto Rico.

CCC: Priest

h. (Reverend) Miguel ALPHARAZ (fund disbursements and new spokesman). WAVE-9521, 5 October 1962, listed Subject as an active Alpha 66 member. He is also a member of a Catholic association.

CCC: Accountant

i. Bernardo PUIG (promoter). WAVE-9521, 5 October 1962, listed Subject as an active member of Alpha 66 in Puerto Rico. He is also a member of an accountants' association.

CCC: Accountant

j. Ricardo GONZALEZ PORTA (promoter). WAVE-9521, 5 October 1962, listed Subject as an active member of Alpha 66 in Puerto Rico. He is also a member of an accountants' association.

CCC: Lawyer

k. Dr. Enrique BLANCO AMERO (promoter). Subject is the secretary of the Association of Cuban Lawyers in Exile in Puerto Rico. He signed a circular letter, dated 13 May 1962, soliciting funds for Alpha 66. He is also a member of a committee in Puerto Rico to establish greater support for Alpha 66 (JUAN-0659, 21 July 1962). UFG-1652, 5 October 1962 stated Subject is an active Alpha 66 member in Puerto Rico.

CCC: M.D.

l. Dr. Jose PORTELA (promoter). Full name: (Dr.) Jose Ramon PORTELA Marquez. Subject is a medical doctor, residing in Puerto Rico, and he is a backer of Alpha 66 (AMOT Report, 1 June 1962). In an attachment to UFGA-4444, 19 June 1962, it was stated that Subject is the vice-president of a doctors' association in Puerto Rico and is said to be closely connected with the MRP in Puerto Rico. UFG-1652, 5 October 1962, stated that Subject is an active Alpha 66 member in Puerto Rico.

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OCC:ENGINEER

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m. (Eng) Matias VARAS (promoter). Full name: Matias Rafael VARAS Romero, 201-300599, DPOB: 20 April 1931, Asturias, Spain. A POA was requested in WAVE-5707, 15 April 1961. WAVE-9521, 5 October 1962 stated that Subject is an active Alpha 66 member in Puerto Rico. He is also a member of an engineers' association in Puerto Rico.

n. Jose Mola (promoter). UFGA-1652, 5 October 1962, listed Subject as an active Alpha 66 member in Puerto Rico; he is also a member of the Executive Association there.

o. Francisco SANCHEZ (promoter). Full name: Francisco SANCHEZ Gonzalez, 201-294542. DPOB: 31 December 1925, San Miguel de Padron. Subject's POA was granted on 21 April 1961; he was PM trainee #4319.

p. Claudio CARMONA (promoter). Full name: Claudio CARMONA Canas. Occupation: Accountant. Resides in Puerto Rico. JUAN-0659, 21 July 1962, stated that Subject is a member of a committee established in Puerto Rico to gain greater support for Alpha 66.

q. Luis CIAPPI (also GIAPPI) (auditor). Traces were found under the name Luis GIAPPI. An AMCHELP-1 report of 24 May 1962 stated that Subject is a member of the Puerto Rican Delegation of Private and Public Accountants of Cuba in Exile. He is also one of the accountants controlling Alpha 66 funds there.

r. Manuel GARROTE (auditor). An AMCHELP-1 report of 24 May 1962 stated that Subject is a member of the Puerto Rican Delegation of Private and Public Accountants of Cuba in Exile. He is also one of the accountants controlling Alpha 66 funds there.

s. Pedro MUINA (delegate, Miami). Full name: Pedro Gaspar MUINA Gomez, 201-290887. Subject was a KUTUBE singleton (MASH-2401, 21 December 1960); his operation was aborted due to his name being on the G-2 watch list (UFGA-1911, 11 September 1961). The ODIBEX DUJ 542 62, 18 February 1962 listed Subject as an accountant and the Miami contact man of Alpha 66. AMBOGLY-1 reported on 3 October 1962 that Subject was named Alpha 66 treasurer in the Miami area. An AMOT report of 19 September 1962 stated that Subject appeared anonymously on Miami TV Channel 10 re the Alpha 66 raid at Cayo Frances, 10/11 September 1962. It also stated that he was formerly a member of the 30th of November group. WAVE-9521, 5 October 1962, listed Subject as a member of Alpha 66's collection committee.

Miami, FLA

t. Manuel GUTIERREZ (delegate, Miami). Full name: Jose Manuel GUTIERREZ. Occupation: Architect. WAVE-8523, 12 September 1962, contained information from AMBUD-1 who stated that Subject is one of the backers of Alpha 66. An AMOT report of 19 September 1962 said that Subject appeared on Channel 10, Miami, re Alpha 66 action at Cayo Frances on 10 September 1962. His name was not used, but he was identified by AMOT-2; the report also stated that Subject was the ex-president of the Rotary Club in Habana and Dean of Education at Habana University. UFG-1652, 5 October 1962, listed Subject as a member of Alpha 66's collection committee in Miami.

u. Rene AGUILERA (delegate, Miami). Full name: Rene AGUILERA Martin, 201-282306. DPOB: 29 January 1915, Holguin, Cuba. Subject was granted a POA on 14 September 1960; an OA was granted on 21 October 1962. HRSJ-228, 19 September 1960, stated that Subject was a newspaperman in San Jose. WAVE-9521, 5 October 1962, listed Subject as a member of Alpha 66's collection committee in Miami.

Miami, FLA

v. Jorge MACHADO (delegate, Miami). There are no traces on this Subject at JMWAVE.

w. Ramon PEREZ Daple (delegate, New York). Subject resides in New York. UFG-1652, 5 October 1962, listed Subject as a member of Alpha 66's collection committee in New York City. UFGA-1943, 19 July 1962, stated that Subject is a delegate of the Association of Cuban

Public Accountants in Exile in New York.

A: New York, N.Y.

x. Alberto GUTIERREZ de la Solana (delegate, New York).
Subject resides in New York City. UFG-1652, 5 October 1962, listed
Subject as a member of Alpha 66's collection committee.

A: Washington, D.C.

y. Antonio CARAZA (delegate, Washington). UFG-1652,
5 October 1962, listed Subject as a member of the Washington, D. C.
Alpha 66 collection committee.

A: Florida

z. Ramon FONT (combat element). Full name: Ramon FONT
Saumell. DPOB: 16 June 1922, Santiago de Cuba. UFGA-1830, 5 July
1961, stated that Subject was a member of the Black Falcons, commando
unit of an anti-COC group; he was also known as @FRANCISCO, @ROYO,
@FRANK and @JEANILL. BARR-0774, 28 October 1962, stated that Subject
was one of the ten Alpha 66 members who arrived at Cay Sal on a stolen
boat after the loss of two Alpha 66 boats on the alleged Caibarien
raid of late October 1962. He arrived at Key West from Cay Sal on
28 October 1962 on board a Coast Guard boat.

A: Florida

aa. Angel PUXES (combat element). Full name: Angel A.
PUXES-ASSO. DPOB: 11 October 1928. BARR-0774, 28 October 1962,
listed Subject as one of the ten Alpha 66 members who arrived at Cay
Sal on a stolen boat following the loss of two boats on the alleged
Caibarien raid of October 1962. He arrived at Key West aboard a
Coast Guard boat.

ab. Santiago ALVAREZ (combat element). Full name: Santiago
ALVAREZ Fernandez, 201-291491. DPOB: 12 June 1941, Habana. POA
was granted on 2 March 1961 and cancelled 20 February 1962. His
PM trainee number was 3815; he was a crew member aboard M/V BARBERO.
WAVE-8466, 11 September 1962, listed Subject as a member of the crew
which participated in the Alpha 66 raid on ships in Cayo Frances.
BARR-0774, 28 October, stated that Subject was one of the Alpha 66
members who arrived at Cay Sal on a stolen boat following the loss
of two motor boats on the alleged Caibarien raid of late October 1962.
He arrived at Key West aboard a Coast Guard boat.

ac. Alfredo MIR (combat element). Full name: Alfredo MIR
Viana, 201-288192. DPOB: 7 January 1923, Pezas, Pinar del Rio. POA
A POA was granted on Subject on 28 December 1960; his PM trainee
number was 8074. BARR-0774, 28 October 1962, stated that Subject was
one of the ten Alpha 66 members who arrived at Cay Sal on a stolen boat
following the loss of two motor boats on the alleged Caibarien raid of
late October 1962. He arrived at Key West on 28 October from Cay Sal
aboard a Coast Guard boat.

ad. Eduardo PEREZ (combat element). Full name: Eduardo
PEREZ Gonzalez, 201-294665. DPOB: 18 March 1927, Santiago de Cuba. POA
A POA was granted on 29 March 1961; his PM trainee number was 4275.
UFGA-1830, 5 July 1961, stated Subject was a member of the Black
Falcons group; he was also known as @JOSE, @MAXIMILIANO, @GIL and
@EDDY. He was responsible for armaments of M/V TEJANA. DBA-9219,
19 May 1962, stated Subject was a captain in Castro's army until
November 1958. He openly broke off in 1959 and is now considered
very anti-Castro. BARR-0774, 28 October 1962, listed Subject as one
of the ten Alpha 66 members who arrived at Cay Sal on a stolen boat
after the loss of two Alpha 66 boats on the alleged Caibarien raid
of late October 1962. He arrived at Key West from Cay Sal on
28 October 1962 aboard a Coast Guard boat. According to a Memorandum
for the Record, 26 September 1962, in his 201 file, Subject has made
his own way to YOACRE twice and was successful on one mission.

ae. Eduardo BAEZ (combat element). Full name: Eduardo
Antonio BAEZ Ayala, 201-294682. DPOB: 6 August 1920, Habana. POA
Subject was granted a POA on 29 March 1961. He was a member of the
Black Falcons; he was also known as @BRITO, @BOLIVAR, @GOMEZ and
@SEXTO. His PM trainee number was 8251. In a memorandum from Juan
Paul Baez, 31 October 1961 it was stated that Subject is an ardent

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Castroite. It is rumored that Pro-Castro meetings have been held in his home, one on 26 July 1961. JMWAVE is checking through the AMOTs to confirm or refute the above allegation.

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ff. ^{FR} Roberto GONZALEZ (combat element). ^{Alpha 66 Group} Full name: Roberto GONZALEZ Mesa, 201-294472. DPOB: 23 February 1931, Cardenas, Cuba. Subject's POA was requested on 13 March 1961; he was a PM recruit who went to Guatemala.

gg. Mario EGUAFA (combat element). There are no traces on Subject at JMWAVE.

hh. Francisco LARGUER (combat element). There are no traces on Subject at JMWAVE.

ii. ^{FR} Jose HAVON (combat element). ^{Alpha 66 Group} Full name: Jose Manuel SANTIESTEBAN HAVON, 201-327704. DPOB: 23 July 1937, Santiago de Cuba. A priority POA was requested for the SONOFA/7 operation but Subject was not picked up. AMOT report AA 571, 5 September 1962, stated that Subject had separated from Nino Diaz's group, but it was rumored that he will rejoin and leave for a Central American country. BARR-0774, 28 October 1962, listed Subject as one of the ten Alpha 66 members who arrived at Cay Sal on a stolen boat following the loss of two boats on the alleged Caibarien raid of late October 1962. He arrived at Key West aboard a Coast Guard boat on 28 October from Cay Sal.

jj. ^{FR} Otto LOPEZ (combat element). ^{AKA} Full name: Otto LOPEZ Hernandez. DPOB: 7 November 1931, Tijuabas, Oriente Province, Cuba. BARR-0774, 28 October 1962, listed Subject as one of the ten Alpha 66 members who arrived at Cay Sal on a stolen boat following the loss of two boats on the alleged Caibarien raid of late October 1962. He arrived at Key West aboard a Coast Guard boat on 28 October from Cay Sal.

kk. ^{FR} Avelino PALAU (combat element). ^{AKA} Full name: (Captain) Avelino Elias CONSTANZO Palau. DPOB: 17 May 1940, Palmas, Oriente Province. BARR-0774, 28 October 1962, listed Subject as one of the ten Alpha 66 members who arrived at Cay Sal on a stolen boat following the loss of two Alpha 66 boats on the alleged Caibarien raid of late October 1962. He arrived at Key West from Cay Sal on a Coast Guard boat on 28 October 1962. Subject's ODURGE number is A 12 454 053.

ll. Gonzalo FERNANDEZ (combat element). There are no traces on Subject at JMWAVE.

mm. "TUTO" ZABALA (combat element). There are no traces on Subject at JMWAVE.

nn. ^{FR} "ANTONICO" (1nu) (combat element). ^{Possibly identical with Sub. of 201-328502} Subject is probably identical with Antonio PEREZ Quesada, 201-328512. DPOB: 6 August 1909, Canary Islands, Spain. Subject was granted a POA on 4 August 1962. Occupation: Fisherman. Subject's file states that he was the skipper of the schooner BLANCO ESTELA used in the AIRAM operation. He is now in Miami with a boat. Also according to Subject's file he has been asked by Alpha 66 to captain one of their boats. He agreed. He has also agreed to furnish KUBARK with information of planned operations on their part. ^{Possibly known as ANTONICO who is member Alpha 66}

oo. ^{FR} "EUSEBITO" (1nu) (combat element). ^{Possibly identical with Sub. of 201-333970} Subject is probably identical with Eusebio CORDOVA Maneses, 201-333970. DPOB: 14 May 1926, Caibarien, L. A POA was requested on 5 September 1962. From a contact report of Antonio PEREZ Quesada of 31 January 1961, it is stated that Subject is a resident of Caibarien; has boats; and fought against Batista. ^{Possibly known as Eusebito who is member combat element Alpha 66}

3. Pursuant to instructions from Chief of Station, JMWAVE, the JMWAVE case officer is maintaining contact with the leaders of Alpha 66 cited in Reference a. for possible use of the organization for the purposes cited in paragraph 1 of Reference b.

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4. Request Headquarters traces on the above-listed subjects, if different from above trace results.

5. As stated in paragraph 2 ee, JMWAVE is checking with the AMOTs to confirm or refute the allegation that Eduardo BAEZ is pro-Castro.

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